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Minutes of the Chicago Urban Forestry Advisory Board

Meeting December 7, 2023

Roll Call

Quorum was established based upon the following:

Present-In-Person:

Jessica Vogt, Daniella Pereira, Rolando Favela, Rosa Escareno, Nuri Madina, Jim Semelka, Malcolm Whiteside, Cindy Schwab, Jessica Vogt

Action Items

I. Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Injection Contract has been awarded. Injections are anticipated to start in 2024 season.

II. Area Trimming Update

Area pruning was shown to be a much more efficient way to schedule pruning.

Efficiency gains are expected to continue as the process is repeated in 2024.

III. Landscape Ordinance Plan

Recognizing the landscape ordinance plan affects trees and collaboration with other working groups will be imperative.

IV. Tree Protection/Sidewalk Café

Review of how the Forestry Department handles sidewalk cafes that infringe on the trees.

V. Meeting Schedule

2024 UFAB Meeting Dates/Times/Locations

January 11, 2024, 2-4 pm, 2 N. LaSalle

Subcommittees Meeting (Education 2-3 pm, Policy 3-4 pm)

February 1, 2024, 2-4 pm, 2 N. LaSalle

Full board meeting - QUORUM NEEDED

March 7, 2024, 2-4 pm, 2 N. LaSalle

Subcommittees Meeting

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April 4, 2024, 2-4 pm, 2 N. LaSalle
Subcommittees Meeting

May 2, 2024, 2-4 pm, 2 N. LaSalle
Full board meeting - QUORUM NEEDED

June 6, 2024, 2-4 pm, 2 N. LaSalle
Subcommittees Meeting

July 11, 2024, 2-4 pm, 2 N. LaSalle
Subcommittees Meeting

August 1, 2024, 2-4 pm, 2 N. LaSalle
Full board meeting - QUORUM NEEDED

September 5, 2024, 2-4 pm, 2 N. LaSalle
Subcommittees Meeting

October 3, 2024, 2-4 pm, 2 N. LaSalle
Subcommittees Meeting

VI. Public Comments

A comment was made about the value of Heritage Trees and the importance of tracking their locations.

VII. Adjourned